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Exploring Lowell Tours and Programs – November 2003

Join a Ranger for a program exploring lesser known topics and places in Lowell's history. All programs are free of charge and begin at 2:30 p.m. Most programs are 90 minutes in length and are conducted rain or shine. Reservations are recommended for all programs. Call (978)970-5000. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended for all tours.

Saturday, November 1 - Lowell Cemetery: Visit this wonderful example of the garden cemetery movement of the 19th century, which evokes memories of Lowell's past and the lives of its citizens. Tour begins at Lowell Cemetery, Lawrence Street Gate, 1020 Lawrence Street, Lowell.

Sunday, November 2 - Dickens Comes to Lowell or Expectations Great and Small: Lowell's reputation as an industrial, social, and economic wonder was at its height when Charles Dickens visited in 1842. Trace his footsteps to reveal if all was truly as it seemed. Tour begins at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street, Lowell.

Saturday, November 8 – The Mill Girls of Lowell: What would make a young woman leave her New England farm and come to work in the mills of Lowell? This tour explores the reasons why countless women streamed into Lowell and the many benefits and opportunities offered them. Tour begins at the "Mill Girls and Immigrant" Exhibit, Boardinghouse, 40 French Street, Lowell.

Saturday, November 15 - When Cotton Was King: Why did moderate New Englanders avoid the slavery issue and what happened to shift their viewpoint to become supporters of abolition? This walking tour explores the role of cotton in the world economy and how it influenced New England manufacturing and labor. Tour begins at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street, Lowell.

Sunday, November 16 - Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest: Join us for a tour of the Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsboro State Forest located just minutes from the downtown where we will explore the natural and historical features of this 1000-acre public resource. Meet at the National Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street at 2:00 p.m. or at the end of Trotting Park Rd off of Varnum Ave. in Lowell at 2:30 p.m. where the tour will begin.

Saturday, November 22 - The Keeper of the House: Businesswomen, head cook, house cleaner and mother away from home: the boardinghouse keepers wore many hats. Program will begin in the Mill Girl and Immigrant Exhibit, 40 French Street, Lowell.

Sunday, November 23 - Suffolk Mill Waterpower Tour: Ride the trolley to the old Suffolk Mill. Follow the transmission of waterpower from the Northern Canal through the turbine to an operating power loom. Tour begins at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market Street, Lowell.

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